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SUBJECT: GOZ REQUEST FOR PLANES

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM AF/ C HAMRICK

REF A) KINSHASA 2165; B) KINSHASA 2101

1. EXIM NOT RPT NOT YET INFORMED. IF YOU CONCUR, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF YOU WOULD REPORT BY CABLE TO EXIM EKETEBI' S ABSENCE AND FACT THAT YOU HAD OCCASION TO DELIVER LETTER TO MOBUTU. YOU COULD INDICATE THAT YOU WERE FORWARDING FULL REPORT OF MOBUTU' S PRELIMINARY REACTION BY LETTER TO KEARNS. BELIEVE THIS BACKGROUND WOULD BE USEFUL TO EXIM.

2. RE YOUR COMMENTS PARA 2 REF A: IN MEETING WITH EXIM OFFICIALS FEBRUARY 12, EKETEBI WAS ASKED TOTAL AMOUNT OF COMMERCIAL PLANE PACKAGE BEING SOUGHT BY GOZ. AFTER SOME RAPID CALCULATIONS ON BACK OF ENVELOPE, EKETEBI TABLED DOLLARS 110 MILLION FIGURE. EXIM HAS USED SAME SUM IN LETTER TO GOZ AS APPROXIMATION OF PLANE PACKAGE. WHEN PACKAGE IS ITEMIZED ACCORDING TO PRICE QUOTATIONS
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GIVEN ELSEWHERE, HOWEVER, INCLUDING ALL SPARES ETC.,
FIGURE IS SOMEWHAT HIGHER (747 TOTALS OUT AT DOLLARS 33.6
MILLION, FOR EXAMPLE). IN ANY EVENT, ON FEB 12 EKETEBI
FELT GOZ COULD GET WHAT IT WANTED FOR DOLLARS 110 MILLION,
ALTHOUGH AS YOU SUGGEST THIS MAY NOT PROVE TO BE THE CASE. ROGERS

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